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* 1770 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether a Minimum Wage Committee for Tannery Workers' has been constituted recently; and

(b) the basis of representation in the Committee?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee has been constituted on the basis of representation prescribed in section 9 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. Under this section, the Government shall nominate representatives of employers and employees who shall be equal in number and independent members not exceeding one third of the total number of members. One of the independent members will be nominated as the Chairman by the Government. Accordingly, the Government have nominated four representatives each of employers and employees and 3 independent members, who are Government officials as members of the Committee. The Commissioner of Labour who is one of the independent members has been appointed as the Chairman of the Committee.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, may I know whether the Committee has submitted any report? If so, will it be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, it will take some time.

*Apex Co-operative Society*

* 1771 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) whether this Government have recommended to the Centre that an Apex Co-operative Society may be created for the Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (a) A proposal for establishing an Apex Silk Weavers' Co-operative Society in the State with financial assistance from the Centre has been sent to the All-India Handloom Board for approval.

(b) The seventeen silk weavers' co-operative societies in the State will invest in the share capital of the proposed Apex Silk Weavers' Co-operative Society. The State Government also propose to invest Rs. 3 lakhs in its share capital structure. The Society will arrange for the purchase of the required raw materials for the silk looms in the co-operative fold, for marketing their production and will attend to the problem of silk weavers.

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SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : May I know whether the surplus stock of the societies which they are not able to dispose of, will be purchased by this Apex Society?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I have just now read the functions of the Apex Silk Weavers' Co-operative Society. It will arrange for marketing their production and will attend to the problems of silk weavers.

*Handloom Cloth—Sale to N.G.Os.*

* 1772 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to State—

(*a*) the reasons for not giving the concession to buy handloom cloth on credit basis to the non-Gazetted Government servants for Ramzan; and

(*b*) whether such concessions have been given to the non-Gazetted Government servants for Deepavali, Pongal, Christmas and Onam?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) The concessions under the scheme of sale of handloom cloth on credit basis were extended to Muslim non-Gazetted Government servants for Ramzan in 1960 and 1961.

(*b*) Yes, Sir.

*Madras State Co-operative Farming Board—Recommendation*

*** 1773 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI :** கனம் மின்சார அமைச்சர் தயவு செய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) **1961**-ம் ஆண்டு பிப்ரவரி மாதம் **17**-ம் தேதியில் கூடிய சென்னை மாநில கூட்டுறவு விவசாய போர்டின் (**Madras State Co-operative Farming Board**) கூட்டத்தில் செய்த முக்கிய சிபாரிசுகள் யாவை ?

(ஆ) அவைகளை அமுல் நடத்த சர்க்கார் எடுத்துக் கொண்ட முயற்சிகள் யாவை ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (அ) & (ஆ) The meeting of the Madras State Co-operative Farming Board was held on 18th February 1961. Copies of the recommendations of the Board are placed in the Library of State Legislature, Madras. The recommendations are under examination.

*Provident fund scheme for handloom weavers*

* 1774 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : } Will the Hon.
SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : }

the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) the details of the scheme of Provident Fund to be introduced for the handloom weavers; and